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SUBJECT: LIBYA RECOGNIZES NEW CHAD REGIME

1. LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS IT HAS "LEARNED" THAT LIBYAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED CHADIAN SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL OF LIBYAN RECOGNITION OF NEW CHAD REGIME DURING MEETING APRIL 17 WITH COUNCIL. IN REPLY, CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL IS SAID TO HAVE "PRAISED THIS INITIATIVE, STRESSING THE DESIRE OF THE CHAD MILITARY COUNCIL TO CONTINUE FRUITFUL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES".

2. COMMENT: FROM THE BEGINNING LIBYAN MEDIA HAVE TAKEN NEUTRAL LINE OF CHAD COUP, CONFINING THEIR REPORTING TO AFP FILES, AND NEWS OF RECOGNITION IS DOWNPLAYED IN PRESS. FACT THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO MUSLIMS ON SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, AND THAT BOTH ARE JUNIOR OFFICERS (N'DJAMENA 921), PROBABLY WORRIES LIBYANS, AND MAY ACCOUNT FOR LACK OF ENTHUSIASM WITH WHICH MEDIA HAVE
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PLAYED NEWS OF COUP. ONE LIBYAN OFFICIAL IN INFORMAL

CONVERSATION WITH US RECENTLY WONDERED WHETHER DOOR WAS
NOW OPEN AGAIN TO ISRAELI INFLUENCE ON LIBYA'S SOUTHERN
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